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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND CHEMICAL

DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS – Subcommittee

MEETING DATE AND TIME: September 29, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED 12/14/11

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mary Davis, LCDP, Presiding Daniel Cooper, LPCMH Daniel Cherneski, LMFT Robert Doyle, Public Member Dr. William Northey, LMFT

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Danny Stevenson, Deputy Attorney General Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist II

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Davis called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.

<u>Compare National Association of Forensic Counselors Standards to those of the Delaware Certification Board</u>

The Subcommittee reviewed documentation in regards to certification obtained by the National Association of Forensic Counselors. The exam to obtain certification by the NAFC is not chemical dependency specific, nor is the NAFC a national counselor organization. The Subcommittee recommends that if an applicant is certified by the NAFC and applying for LCDP licensure by reciprocity, has five or more years of licensure in another state, than the certification can be considered as an equivalent certification obtained from the DCB.

The Subcommittee was unable to determine if the certification would be equivalent to the DCB certification for applicants who are not applying by reciprocity. The Subcommittee would need additional information from the NAFC to make the determination.

Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Dr. Northey, to recommend to the Board that NAFC be considered an acceptable certification for individuals who are applying by certification and has had five or more years of licensure in another state. Motion unanimously carried.

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Ms. Davis advised the Subcommittee that she will contact Mary Jo Mather, who is the Executive Direction of the DCB, to see if she would be willing to come to a Subcommittee meeting to discuss the standards of the DCB.

Other Business before the Subcommittee (For Discussion Only)

There was no other business before the Subcommittee.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Next Meeting Date

The Subcommittee will meet on December 14, 2011 at 11:00 p.m. in Conference Room B, 2nd floor of the Cannon Building.

Adjournment

Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Doyle, to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Subcommittee, the meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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